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To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to go formally on the record as opposing the proposed Microsoft settlement currently in debate in the Department of Justice.

To me, a casual internet user and once-Microsoft customer, the proposed settlement is anything but just. Allowing Microsoft to inundate the education sector with its software products will have exactly the opposite effect required of an anti-monopoly ruling: it will allow Microsoft to further entrench its monopoly in one of the few markets it has yet to dominate. I am an American consumer and I find the idea appalling.

I urge you to reconsider alternative settlements in order to find some way to punish a known offender without actually allowing it to benefit. For starters, any software provided to schools ought to be non-Microsoft. I hope you will seriously consider the very well thought out opinions expressed by staff of Apple Computer and RedHat Linux Inc.

Regards,

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